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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION
1 2 BY ZIRKELBACH and WHITAKER
1 3 A Resolution honoring Major General Ron Dardis
1 4 and Brigadier General Mark Zirkelbach for their
1 5 service to this state and the nation.
1 6 WHEREAS, as Adjutant General for the Iowa National
1 7 Guard, Major General Ron Dardis commands 104 Army and
1 8 Air National Guard Units and over 9,600 Army and Air
1 9 National Guard members in the state of Iowa; and
1 10 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Mark Zirkelbach is the
1 11 Deputy Adjutant General, Army, Iowa National Guard;
1 12 and
1 13 WHEREAS, in 2009 Major General Dardis brings to a
1 14 close a military career of over four decades and
1 15 Brigadier General Zirkelbach retires after 36 years of
1 16 service; and
1 17 WHEREAS, Major General Dardis enlisted in the Iowa
1 18 Air National Guard in 1966 and was commissioned a
1 19 second lieutenant in 1967; and
1 20 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Zirkelbach was
1 21 commissioned a second lieutenant in 1972 upon
1 22 completion of the Iowa Military Academy Officer
1 23 Candidate School; and
1 24 WHEREAS, Major General Dardis has studied at the
1 25 Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff
1 26 College, and the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force
1 27 Base in Alabama; and
1 28 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Zirkelbach has attended
1 29 the Combined Arms Services Staff School, taken the
1 30 Command General Staff Course and the National Security
2 1 Course, and has graduated from the United States Army
2 2 War College; and
2 3 WHEREAS, in his long career, Major General Dardis
2 4 has been awarded the Legion of Merit; Meritorious
2 5 Service Medal; Air Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal;
2 6 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Combat Readiness
2 7 Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Air Force
2 8 Longevity Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal;
2 9 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; Air Force
2 10 Training Ribbon; Iowa Leadership Ribbon; Iowa National
2 11 Guard State Service Ribbon; Air Force Association
2 12 Citation for Superior Airmanship, Courage and
2 13 Professionalism; Iowa Eagle Award; and the Valley
2 14 Forge Cross for Heroism; and
2 15 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Zirkelbach has been
2 16 awarded a long list of awards, including the Legion of
2 17 Merit with a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious
2 18 Service Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Army
2 19 Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army
2 20 Reserve Component Achievement Medal with one Silver
2 21 Oak Leaf Cluster and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters;
2 22 National Defense Service Medal; Humanitarian Service
2 23 Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Gold Hour
2 24 Glass Device; Army Service Ribbon; and the Army
2 25 Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; NOW
2 26 THEREFORE,
2 27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 28 That the House of Representatives rises to honor these
2 29 two truly remarkable men, Major General Ron Dardis and
2 30 Brigadier General Mark Zirkelbach who have dedicated
3 1 their careers and risked their lives in service to
3 2 Iowa and the nation.
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